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SUBJECT: FOURTH SESSION, COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL:
WIND-UP

1. SUMMARY: THE THREE-WEEK SESSION OF ECOSOC'S COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, CHARGED WITH REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDS, NIEO PROGRAM OF ACTION, CERDS, AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, PROVED TO BE A LOW-KEY NONEVENT, CONSISTING MAINLY OF GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT AT ARRIVING AT A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT, SO THAT THE NET RESULT WAS A PROCEDURAL REPORT TO THE EOCOSC
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FORWARDING WITHOUT COMMENT THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SESSION TOGETHER WITH A SEPARATE G-77 DOCUMENT SUBMITTED THE LAST DAY. WHILE THE COMMITTEE AVOIDED ANY RECOMMENDATION ON AN IDS FOR THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE, IT WAS CLEAR FROM INFORMAL REMARKS THAT THE G-77 WANTS AN OPEN-ENDED PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.
END SUMMARY.

2. EOCOSC'S COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL WOUND UP ITS THREE-WEEK SESSION IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 3. IN THEORY, THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A KEY STEP IN THE BIENNIAL PROCESS OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS), TO WHICH THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADDED THE NIEO PROGRAM OF ACTION, THE CERDS, .-\$ 3;3NTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION 3362. IN FACT, THIS HAS BEEN A NONEVENT, CONSISTING MANILY OF GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC IN VIEW OF THE DISIVION OF OPINION. THE FACT THAT THE FINAL SESSIONS OF CIEC WERE OCCURRING CONCURRENTLY ADDED TO THE AIR OF UNREALITY. EVEN THE RAPPORTEUR'S DRAFT OF A SECTION (FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT) GIVING THE SENSE OF THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS EXPRESSED IN DEBATE WAS KILLED OFF IN A JUNE 2 CONTACT GROUP MANILY BECAUSE OF G-77 AND SOVIET BLOC OBJECTIONS. THE NET RESULT IS A PURELY PROCEDURAL REPORT TO THE ECOSOC FORWARD-INT THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SESSION TOGETHER WITH A SEPARATE G-77 DOCUMENT WHICH WAS INTRODUCED ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE SESSION.

3. THE G-77 DOCUMENT ("PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL") WHICH COVERS THE FULL RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, IN GENERAL FOLLOWS THE STANDARD LINE OF PLACING THE BLAME FOR LACK OF PROGRESS LARGELY ON THE FAILURE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MEET TARGETS AND ALLEGED COMMITMENTS. MOREOVER -- LIKE THE G-77 "POSITION PAPER" SUBMITTED TO THE UNCTAD TDB EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION -- THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT SOME OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDAMENTAL PREMISES OF THE PRESENT IDS ARE NO LONGER ADEQUATE, BASED AS THEY ARE ON THE CONCEPT OF PROVIDING THE LDC'S WITH AN IMPROVED SHARE OF THE BENEFITS OF DC ECONOMIC EXPANSION WITHIN THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK. INSTEAD, WHAT IS NEEDED IS A RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NIEO, THE PROVIDE THE LDC'S THEIR RIGHTFUL ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES; BY RECOGNIZING THEIR RIGHT TO EXERCISE FULL CONTROL OVER THE USE OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, BY STRENGTHENING THEIR COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE, AND BY ELIMINATING THEIR RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENCE AND THUS REDUCING THEIR SUSCEPTIBILITY OF FLUCTUATIONS IN DC'S. THEIR IS SOME FOCUS ON WHAT THE LDC'S THEMSELVES MUST DO, IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS IN PARTICULAR.

4. THE DOCUMENT'S CONCLUSIONS CALL ON ALL DC'S (INCLUDING SOCIALISTS) TO IMPLEMENT THE IDS, NIEO RESOLUTIONS, CERDS, AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS AND TO COMMIT THEMSELVES INTER ALIA TO: (1) THE COMMON FUND; (2) THE 0.7 PER

CENT ODA TARGET, WITH ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONALITY; (3) OVER-ALL SOLUTIONS TO DEBT PROBLEMS; (4) REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, INCLUDING SDR LINK; (5) PROMOTING REDEPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRY, USING UNIDO STUDIES; (6) IMMEDIATE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF IFAD AGREEMENT; (7) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES; (8) CONCLUSION OF THE MTN IN 1978, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PREFERENCES FOR LDC'S; (9) LEGALLY BINDING CODE OF THE CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (10) ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, AND ISLAND LDC'S; (11) ASSISTANCE TO MSA'S, PARTICULARLY ON DEBT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS; AND (12) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CONTROL AND REGULATION OF TNC'S ("LEGALLY-BINDING" NOT MENTIONED).

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5. G-77 SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT THE PARAGRAPH ON CIEC WOULD PROBABLY BE AMENDED. AS IT STOOD, IT ASSERTED THAT, DUE TO THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL OF THE DC'S NO AGREEMENT HAD YET BEEN REACHED ON ANY MAJOR ISSUES IN THE FOUR COMMISSIONS BUT THAT THE LDC'S ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CIEC'S ARRIVING AT CONCRETE RESULTS, WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE GENERAL.

ASSEMBLY.

6. EC-9 AND U.S. RESERVED THE RIGHT TO COMMENT ON THE G-77 PAPER ON SOME FUTURE OCCASION.

7. WHILE THE COMMITTEE AVOIDED MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO AN IDS FOR THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE, WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS CONSIDERED THE PROVINCE OF THE 32ND GA, IT BECAME CLEAR FROM INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS AND FROM REMARKS IN THE CONTACT GROUP THAT THE IDEA OF THE R & A COMMITTEE ITSELF SERVING AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS VIRTUALLY DEAD AND THAT WHAT IS WANTED BY THE G-77 IS AN OPEN-ENDED PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE CONTACT GROUP DECIDED AGAINST AN ALGERIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMITTEE ADDRESS THE ROLE OF ITS 1979 SESSION ON R & A. SOME (INCLUDING PAKISTAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77, AND THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE) EVEN REMARKED THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE THEN HAVE DISAPPEARED UNDER THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE.

8. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF DELEGATIONS INDICATE THAT IDEAS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH A NEW IDS ARE NOT WELL FORMED. THREE DELEGATES (YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, AND TUNISIA) MENTIONED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN NEW DELHI HAD DECIDED THAT A NON-ALIGNED WORKING GROUP SHOULD ELABORATE A BLUEPRINT FOR THE THIRD DECADE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN AUGUST, 1978 (BELGRADE) AND THENCE TO THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN HAVANA IN AUGUST, 1979. THIS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE G-77 AS A WHOLE. THE INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT THE OECD BE ASKED TO DO SOMETHING SIMILAR (HE WAS TALKING OF CONCEPTS RATHER THAN A DRAFT). SOME WEO'S AND EVEN SOME LDC'S SEEMED TENTATIVELY TO THINK WELL OF THE IDEA WHAT THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (CDP), ASSISTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, PRESENT AN INITIAL PAPER AS IT DID LAST TIME, ALTHOUGH NONE SEEMED PREPARED TO THINK YET ON HOW TO DEAL WITH ACTUAL DRAFTS AND DRAFTING. IN FACT, THE SECRETARIAT (TALWAR AND COMPANY) IS NOW WORKING ON PRELIMINARY MATERIAL FOR THE 32ND GA, PURSUANT TO GA RESOLUTION 31/182.

9. AS FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF A NEW IDS, ONLY GENERALITIES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED. WHILE THE G-77 GAVE FAR LESS ATTENTION TO THE NEW STRATEGY THAN THEY DID AT THE UNCTAD TDB SESSION, SEVERAL DID ECHO THE LINE THAT THE PREMISES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENT IDS ARE NO LONGER VALID AND THAT THE NEW STRATEGY SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NIEO RESOLUTIONS AND THE CERDS (SEE SEPTAL). INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN) HASHMI TOLD US CONVERSATIONALLY HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF A STRATEGY THAT WOULD IN EFFECT REPRESENT A CONTRACT OF LIMITED DURATION, E.G. THE DECADE. OF THE WEO DELEGATIONS, ONLY THE DUTCH SEEM TO HAVE GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT SO FAR EITHER TO SUBSTANCE OR PROCEDURES (SEE ALSO SEPTTEL).

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